

FORTY-FIRST YEAR.

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COLUMBUS GUN
CLUB ORGANIZEDORGANIZATION EFFECTED
AT MEETING OF CLUB
HELD WEDNESDAY
AFTERNOON

MEET THIS WEEK

Temporary Officers Elected—
Permanent Organization On
Wednesday—Equipment
Has Been Ordered.

The Columbus Gun Club was organized on Wednesday afternoon at a meeting of a number of prominent local sportsmen held at Trask's Garage at 3 o'clock. Fifteen members were enrolled at the meeting, and quite a number more have been added within the few days since.

The organization was the result of a desire on the part of shooters here to have a more conveniently located club and traps, and to prepare for the tournaments of the coming summer, especially the big shoot that is to be held at Clarksdale within a few weeks. For this meet it is confidently expected that enough trap enthusiasts will be booked from the local club, the Magawah Gun Club, and the Aberdeen Gun Club, to charter two special Pullman cars for the trip.

Traps and club house for the local club will be located on the site just across the river to the left of the bridge. At present it is being used as a golf links, but the traps will not materially interfere with golfers playing their game. This land is the property of Mr. E. S. Moore, and it is through his courtesy that permission for its use was obtained.

Already two big events are planned to be held this summer, at which prominent trapshooters from all over the state and nation will be present.

An order for targets and traps has already been placed, Mr. R. R. Banks having been empowered to act in that capacity. Only the newest and most efficient devices will be placed on the field, and it is hoped to have them up and practice to begin within two or three weeks.

As only a small number were present at the meeting on Wednesday, another meeting will be held next Wednesday to elect permanent officers and complete some other details. Mr. J. M. Morgan was selected as temporary president, and Mr. E. A. Trask Jr., as temporary secretary and treasurer. The following were enrolled on the spot as members: Messrs. R. R. Banks, Sanders Carson, O. H. Dotherow, Tom. Evans, Leo Flynn, Henry Smith, C. B. Hardy, P. W. Maer, Sr., P. W. Maer, Jr., J. M. Morgan, R. H. Searey, B. K. Sessums, E. A. Trask Sr., E. A. Trask, Jr., and R. M. Walters. E. S. Moore was unanimously elected an honorary member.

The membership is expected to easily reach 200, with the probability of 250. The initial membership fee is three dollars, and no one is excluded from joining; in fact, an invitation is extended to all to associate themselves with the organization.

Co-operating with the Magawah Gun Club and other nearby clubs, a number of interesting local tournaments are expected to be staged during the coming summer months.

COWBOY LIFE AND SONGS
SUBJECT OF UNIQUE ADDRESS

On Thursday evening, March 4th John A. Lomax, of the University of Texas, a pioneer ballad collector, will deliver a lecture upon "Cowboy Life and Songs" in the college auditorium. Professor Lomax has gathered his songs from the cowboys themselves squatting about a camp-fire, or behind the scenes of a broncho-busting outfit. His lecture is a breath of the free, open-hearted, breezy west. The distinctively American, romantic figure of the cowboy is unfading in its appeal, for who of us has not felt the call of the plains.

"Professor Lomax's genial address made such a delightful impression upon us all," declares Professor Tupper of the University of Vermont, "that for the past month, refrains and choruses of the ranches have been humming in our heads, and certain phrases of the plains bid fair to become proverbial."

Their many friends are congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Gay Lacey over the arrival into their home on Thursday of a fine ten-pound boy.

UNITED CHARITIES
READY FOR WORKWard Committees Named And
Work For The Year Is
Outlined.

An interesting meeting of the United Charities of the city was held the past week in the study of the Methodist Church, Mr. Irving I. Kaufman the new president, presiding, and Mrs. E. T. Baird, recently elected secretary, at the desk.

Though excellent work has been done by the organization in past years there was a marked tendency on the part of all present to endeavor to increase its usefulness, and earnest talks were made to this end. Another meeting was called for Monday, March 8th at which more definite plans will be made for future work.

Reports of the work of the ward chairmen were read and Mr. Brooks McGowan, the treasurer, reported as to the financial condition of the organization. The following were appointed as ward chairmen and assistants:

Ward 1: Mrs. G. Y. Banks, chairman; Mrs. D. T. Gaston, Mrs. Willis Banks, Mrs. W. E. Richards, Mrs. Parker Reeves, and Mr. J. P. Woodward. Ward 2: Mrs. Leopold Leeb, Mrs. G. R. Neuman, and Mr. L. Leeb. Ward 3: Mrs. Henry Beard, Mrs. J. W. Slaughter, Mrs. W. E. Leech, Mrs. H. H. Gunter, Mrs. R. L. Speed, Mrs. W. E. Leech, Mrs. W. G. Johnson, Mrs. J. W. Lipscomb, and Mr. W. N. Ward 4: Mrs. Ed. Chappell, Mrs. F. C. Owen, Mrs. W. E. Leigh, Mrs. W. S. Lindamood, and Mr. Ed. Chappell.

Ward 5: Mrs. J. B. Love, Mrs. J. T. Sanford, Mrs. B. A. Lincoln, Mrs. H. H. McClanahan, Mrs. Z. P. Landrum, Mrs. J. A. Chatham and Mr. H. H. McClanahan.

Ward 6: Mrs. D. F. McCullough, Mrs. Carey Cooke, Mrs. Sidney Gardner.

Colored Section North: Prof. T. P. Harris, Rosa Moore, Lula Roberts. Colored Section South: Dr. James and Mary Scott.

CANDIDATE'S SEASON TO CLOSE

Only six more days are left in which prospective candidates for a city office may have a chance to get in the game. The first primary of the city election will be held on April 6th, and all names that are to get on the ticket must be filed with the secretary of the city executive committee not later than March 6th. Mr. George O. Senter is secretary of the executive committee, and will receive nominations, together with the required fee, up to next Saturday night at 12 o'clock and not later.

Considerable interest is being manifested in the coming municipal primaries, and it is thought that all candidates who are to be on the ticket have already announced. The chief interest is centered on the race for mayor, there being at present two candidates, Mr. A. Y. Glover and Mr. E. S. Moore.

DEATH OF MR. J. F. WILBANKS

Mr. W. J. Wilbanks received wire notice yesterday of the death of his brother, Mr. J. F. Wilbanks, which occurred in Lumber City, Ga., yesterday morning at 8 o'clock. Mr. Wilbanks' death resulted from heart trouble. He was 49 years of age, and leaves a wife and family, other relatives and friends to mourn his death.

Mr. J. F. Wilbanks was track supervisor for the Southern in Columbus for a long number of years, and he was widely known and highly esteemed by both railroad men and fraternal orders here. He had been a resident of Georgia for thirteen years. Many friends back home are sorrowing in his death, and their sympathy goes out to his brother and his family in their loss.

CLERKS INSTALL

Installation of officers for the ensuing year was the main event on the program at the meeting of the local Retail Clerks' Association, held in the K. of P. Castle Hall on Thursday evening. Those installed were: Mr. T. J. Gunn, president; Mrs. C. A. Wakefield, first vice president; Mr. E. B. Broom, second vice president; Miss Angie Dotherow, secretary, and Mr. Allan Walton, treasurer.

Miss Mildred Barr, of Starkville, was in the city shopping Thursday.

Girls Near Basket
Ball ChampionshipHigh School Team Defeats Aber-
deen In Close Game.

Winning from Aberdeen on Friday afternoon, by a score of 26 to 21, Columbus girls of the S. D. Lee High School are one game nearer the championship of Northeast Mississippi. Two more games remain to be played, one of which is next Friday. If the local team wins it there will remain only the big championship game which will be an event of importance at the Field Meet at Tupelo in April.

The contest against Aberdeen, which was played in that city, was a very exciting game all the way through, there being several times when it was anybody's game. At a period in the last quarter, when the Columbus girls were only one point ahead, it took some hard playing to keep their opponents down.

The Aberdeen team has shown wonderful improvement within the past few weeks, under the leadership of Miss Rowan, coach, and Miss Toddie Nisbit, captain. In a recent game the Lee High girls easily defeated them 78 to 16, and the team work last Friday was much superior to that before.

Columbus girls who played are: Cora McCullough and Willette Gardner, forwards; Martha Harris Frazier and Lou Ollie Davis, center; Ruth Beard and Lucy McClanahan, guards; Miss Dewetta Burkitt, coach, accompanied the team on the trip, and Miss Lucy McClanahan, captain, deserves much credit for splendid leadership.

Another game will be played on the local court next Wednesday between the girls of the West Point High School girls and the Columbus team. It will have no bearing on the championship contests.

Negro Exonerated
Of Murder Charge

The preliminary trial of Robert Miles, a negro charged with the murder of his wife, Tillie Sue Miles, was held Thursday afternoon in Justice Reeves' court and the prisoner released after examination of a score of witnesses.

Mystery continues to surround the death of Tillie Sue Miles, the wife of Robert Miles. She was found dead in bed at her home near Caledonia at the Rose-McDaniel saw mill Monday morning. Marks were found on her throat but they could not be identified positively as finger prints and no evidence showing other signs of violence could be established. She had previously been in ill health, so a coroner's jury failed to make a decision as to cause of death. Dr. Owen, who examined the body, also declared it was impossible to determine from a professional standpoint the cause of her demise.

Quite a commotion was caused in the Caledonia community by the supposed murder of this woman and Sheriff West and Constable Foreman went out there and arrested her husband on suspicion. He was working at the saw mill as fireman and stated that he had left home before daylight to fire the boilers. His wife had been accustomed to bringing his breakfast to him and when, at ten o'clock, she had not come with it he dispatched another negro to his house for it with the result that she was found dead in bed.

Witnesses failed to produce evidence to the effect that Robert Miles killed his wife so the case was dismissed.

THREE FIRES THURSDAY.

Three calls were responded to by the fire department Thursday, none of which resulted in any serious damage.

The first was at seven o'clock in the morning to Mr. John McClanahan's place across Moore's creek. Mr. McClanahan had been smoking meat in his smoke house, leaving a fire in it the evening previous which is supposed to have caused it to catch fire. The house, together with a good quantity of meat was destroyed.

A house owned and occupied by Lucy Jefferson, a negro woman, on 11th street and 4th avenue north was damaged to the extent of about \$50. No one was at the house at noon when the fire was discovered and the house was burning in several places, according to Chief Pank.

A small blaze on the roof of the house of Z. P. Halbert on Tenth avenue and Twelfth street north was extinguished at 1:30 in the afternoon when the fire department responded to a hurried call. The roof is thought to have caught from the kitchen flue and damage of about \$10 resulted.

COUNTY AGENT
PLANS BULL CLUBTo Promote Breeding Of Fine
Cattle In The County—
Other News.

Besides much continued activity in co-operative shipping of live stock and farm products, Mr. Paul L. Wells, County Agent, is making plans for the formation of a Bull Association in the county. This plan is part of the program of the State Extension Department, and consists of bringing into each county the best type of pure bred registered Jersey bulls through the Farmers' Co-operative Association placing them at convenient localities and changing them about from time to time. This method is expected to bring about the production of better dairying stock.

Last week Mr. Wells attended a district meeting of the agents of the counties in Northeast Mississippi. There were profitable discussions of the work in the Extension Department and marketing division, each agent making a report on the work done by him the past year. The policy of the Agricultural Department this year is one of conservation, believing it is best to follow safe and sane lines in farming. It advocates the growing of all feed stuffs first, then put in cotton and like crops. It also preaches concentration—cultivate thoroughly a smaller acreage in preference to a big amount of land, with chances of being unable to work it properly.

Car loads of live stock continue to be shipped co-operatively through the county agent. Last Tuesday a car of hogs was shipped and another will go forward next Tuesday. The market on these is a little below what it has been for several days past, the top price on the best grade being \$14.75 per hundred and ranging down to \$10 for small stock. Cattle are worth from \$5.25 to \$6.00, that commodity also being slightly on the decline.

Co-operative shipments are also being received for the farmers. A car of acid phosphate and mixed fertilizer has arrived, and another has been ordered. Mr. Wells says indications are that he will be unable to get as much as may be wanted on account of shortage at the factories and inability to always get railroad cars when wanted.

One car of shelled corn, shipped from Iowa, was received the past week, and another is on the road. It appears that several more will have to be shipped in to supply needs of farmers in this county, as this crop was very short in Lowndes County last year.

The agent calls attention to the fact that next week is the last week in which one can spray for the San Jose scale.

Now is also an opportune time, he says, for farmers to get out and line out old terraces before the busy cropping season starts in. Also it is the last call, in case any farmers have neglected thus far to do so, to get out plows, harness and farm tools and put them in shape for work.

OIL WELL CASING ARRIVES

Increasing interest is being manifested by practically every person in Columbus and vicinity over the nearness of beginning of actual drilling operations of the Tombigbee Oil & Gas Company on the site of the Hardy place, seventeen miles south of this city.

On Wednesday the big steel cable to be used in hoisting and lowering piping, arrived here. Mr. Ed. Hardy loaded it up on a big wagon to haul to the site. While passing through the business section of the city quite a crowd gathered around and questioned Mr. Snodgrass and Mr. Hardy as to what it was, what it was for its length, breadth, thickness, weight and a hundred other questions regarding it and the well. All were cordially invited to visit the derrick after March 1st, and see the rig functioning.

The same day there also arrived a car of 12-inch casing that had been purchased in Tuscaloosa, Ala., which is all new material. It had been shipped there a year ago in anticipation of operations there, which were never started, and the casings had never been uncased. Mr. Snodgrass bought the lot at its former cost price and thereby saved quite a sum of money. Another lot purchased at Independence, Kans., is in transit, but enough is already on the ground to go to a depth of one thousand feet, and by the time that depth is reached the balance will be here.

CHECKING OF CENSUS FIGURES
GIVES CITY FAIR ENUMERATION

As a result of the re-checking of the census enumeration, several hundred names were added to the list and the city now has a fair enumeration.

It is unofficially estimated that the population of Columbus will be slightly above the 11,000 figure. The initial enumeration gave the city less than 9,500 population and in view of the crowded condition of the city and the conditions generally it was apparent that the count was not complete.

On the initiative of Mayor McClanahan, Mr. Thomas J. Locke, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. V. B. Imes, who directed the re-count, arrangements were made to check the enumeration, and as a result of this work the city has a fair and adequate enumeration.

Much of the success of the work is due to the corps of enumerators who executed the work, Mr. Clayton Hackleman, Mr. R. O. Vaughan, and Mrs. R. P. Alston. Mrs. Alston left yesterday for Tupelo with the lists of the new enumeration to be checked over and finally accepted by Director F. L. Kincannon.

Columbus will be in the class of cities in the country with 10,000 population and over, and the cost and expense of making the re-count is a mere bagatelle compared with the added prestige and standing and material value the revised population figures will give the city.

Baraca Banquet
At Gilmer Hotel

Seventy members of the Baraca Class of the Baptist Church, and their guests, enjoyed a sumptuous banquet and social gathering in the dining hall of the Gilmer Hotel on Friday evening.

The occasion was, in a way, a celebration of the large and growing membership of the class and the furtherance of good comradeship which so bountifully prevails in that excellent class. Mr. E. L. Kuykendall, as chairman of the committee on arrangements, prepared an excellent program which was most successfully carried out.

Short and rather informal speeches were made by Hon. B. A. Lincoln, Mr. W. A. McKinney, Governor James T. Harrison, Mr. C. L. Langston, Mr. E. L. Kuykendall, and Mr. F. N. Gerhart. Mr. V. B. Imes officiated as toastmaster.

All the deacons of the First Baptist Church were special guests of the class for the occasion.

Leaders of the Baracas hope to make this a regular event and hold the banquets at three- or six-month intervals.

BORDERS - WINDHAM

A recent issue of The Birmingham News contained the following announcement of the marriage of Miss Mary Estelle Windham and Mr. Lee Borders:

"The marriage of Miss Mary Estelle Windham and Mr. Lee Borders was solemnized on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Windham. The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion in ferns and palms, and in front of an improvised altar banked with ferns and palms, the Rev. R. S. Abernathy performed the impressive ring ceremony. Before the ceremony, Miss Mary Lucile Ezell, a cousin of the bride, sang 'I Love You,' accompanied by her sister, Miss Earlene Grace Ezell, who also played the wedding march. Miss Bessie Windham, sister of the bride, and only attendant, served as maid of honor, and wore a becoming dress of blue chambray, with accessories to match, and carried an arm bouquet of pink roses. Mr. Borders chose as his best man Mr. Merrill B. Windham, brother of the bride. The bride wore a handsome blue tricot suit of dark blue with corsage of bride roses and accessories to match. Immediately after the ceremony they left for St. Louis Mo., where they will spend several weeks, and on their return will make their home at Dora, Ala.

"Among the out-of-town guests for the wedding were Mrs. Jackson and Miss Josie Aderhold, of Dora; Mrs. Borders, of Beaverton; Mr. Sidney Malloy, of Mississippi."

MACON HUMBLED

In a hard fought basket ball game at Macon on Friday afternoon, between the boys of the High School there and the S. D. Lee High School boys of this city, the Columbus team emerged victor by a score of 29 to 8. Team work and superior ability of the Lee High boys to get the ball in the basket was decidedly the factors in winning. The Macon team was good on pass work, but were outplayed in other points.

COTTON MILLS
SOLD YESTERDAYSALE OF TOMBIGBEE MILLS
MADE TO EASTERNERS
AND SOUTHERNERS
—WILL ENLARGE

\$180,000 PRICE PAID

Mr. Shropshire To Remain As
Superintendent Of Mills—
Many Improvements In
Contemplation.

The sale of the Tombigbee Cotton Mills to eastern capitalists was consummated yesterday. Messrs. William H. Harris, of New York, T. S. Raworth, of Atlanta, Ga., and the Liberty Textile Co., of No. 16 Thomas Street, New York, being the purchasers.

This transaction has been under consideration for some time, Mr. Harris coming here some time ago and securing an option on the mills. The option would have expired yesterday had they not acted, but both Mr. Harris and Mr. Raworth were in the city and took advantage of their option and closed the deal for the property. The consideration is understood to be \$180,000, and it is stated that the buyers are well pleased with their bargain and the former owners are satisfied with their trade.

The new owners of the mill will take charge immediately. The sale contract calls for possession on October 1st, but negotiations are under way whereby they can take charge at an earlier date.

Vast improvements are under consideration by Messrs. Harris and Raworth and the Liberty Textile Company. They plan to increase buildings, equipment and force—and of course the output. Mr. Harris, who is a practical cotton mill man (much experience, is looking over the mill and situation here, but says he cannot give any definite information as to just how many spindles or other machinery may be added. It is expected, however, that before very long Columbus will have a million dollar cotton manufactory.

There will be no change in the name, "Tombigbee Cotton Mills," the purchasers state. The word "Tombigbee," according to them, is an ideal name. It is already familiarly associated with the mills, and has the name so good that there is not the least likelihood of it being changed in favor of another name.

Management of the mills as it is at present will not be changed. Mr. Edward M. Shropshire will remain as superintendent, and Mr. T. O. Burris Jr., will continue as secretary and treasurer. Mr. Raworth will in all probability be president of the corporation and make his home in this city moving his family here within the next few months.

NEGRO FINED \$150

A fine of \$150 was imposed on one Charley Jones, a negro, Friday morning in Mayor McClanahan's court, the mayor acting in his official capacity as both mayor and ex-officio justice of the peace. The charge against the negro was that of having liquor in his possession unlawfully.

This negro, who operates a store near the Southern shops, has been under the observation of the police for some time, and on Friday morning Captain Hudson, Officers Robinson and Morton made a raid on his place and found about two quarts of the wildest of wildcat whisky. He was given the preference of paying the fine or serving it out on the county farm. He paid cash.

DEATH OF MR. V. M. BEATTY

Mr. V. M. Beatty, son of Mr. Bob Beatty, residing on the Air Line Road succumbed on Tuesday to a severe attack of influenza. He was a prosperous young farmer, 25 years of age and leaves a wife and several small children.

The funeral was held on Wednesday from the home, with the interment in Beersheba Cemetery. The Rev. T. E. Gregory officiated.

Mr. Jake Kauffman returned yesterday after spending two weeks in the eastern markets in the interest of Kauffman Bros.